(d) if so, whether any preventive action was taken in view of the Madhya Pradesh reports in this regard; and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the details of measures Government propose to take now to ensure that such type of incidents do not take place in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Three children died following measles immunization in Debagram village, district Nadia, West Bengal. Similar incidents have been reported sometime back from Madhya Pradesh. To minimise the risk of deaths due to errors in handling and administration of vaccine, guidelines have again been issued to all States. Training programmes for concerned personnel have been stepped up. State Governments are required to investigate serious adverse events following immunization (including deaths) immediately. For this purpose they have been advised to set up standing committees of experts to help them investigate the incidents and take corrective action.

Effect of Smoking

4755. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether studies have revealed that more number of people smoke in India than in most of the other developing countries in the World; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to educate the people about the harmful effects of smoking and to persuade them to stop smoking?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Adult per capita cigarette consumption in India is one of the lowest among developing countries. However, due to large population the absolute total number of smokers is likely to be one of the highest among developing countries.

(b) Steps are being taken to educate the people regarding harmful effects of tobacco consumption through electronic media, audio-visual and publication of posters etc.

Delay in setting up of Industrial growth centre in Arunachal Pradesh

4756. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to establish an "Industrial growth Centre" in Arunachal Pradesh which has been cleared by all other authorities but is pending with the Cabinet for its final approval; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in Cabinet approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Project report received from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for the lone growth centre allotted to the State at Niklok-Ngorlung, was sent to appraising agency for its appraisal. The appraising agency (I.C.I.C.I.) had found some deficiencies in the report and they have sought some clarifications from the State Government, which, as per the records available in the Ministry, are still awaited.

Tender for supply of coal to Cement Corporation of India

4757. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cement Corporation of India has floated a global tender inviting tenders from foreign suppliers of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof as also the reasons for inviting foreign tenders;